

Approved as amended
ON 5/25/16.

RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION
BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, April 27, 2016
9:00 A.M.
65 Shun Pike
Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Geoffrey Kirkman, Vice Chair and Recycling Subcommittee Chair
Jeanne Boyle, Treasurer and Finance Subcommittee Chair
Geri-Ann DiPaolo, Governance Subcommittee Member
Judith Kawa, Recycling Subcommittee Member
Lori Ann Pezzullo, Recycling Subcommittee Member
Jared Rhodes (on behalf of Commissioner DiBiase)
Joseph White, Governance Subcommittee Chair

Absent

Michael Sabitoni, Chair and Ad-Hoc on all Subcommittees
Charles Lombardi, Finance Subcommittee Member

Staff Present

Michael OConnell, Executive Director
Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering
Christine Jocelyn, Human Resources Director
Nancy Minson, Human Resources Coordinator
Russell Amato, Security Officer
Dean Huff, Chief Financial Officer
Lori Perron, Purchasing Director
Sarah Reeves, Director of Public Policy, Programs, and Planning
Michael McGonagle, Director of Information Systems and Business Analysis
Kristin Littlefield, Municipal Coordinator
James Walsh, Controller

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporter
Kelly Carpenter, Senate Fiscal
Joe McGair, McGair and Petrarca, Attorney for Broadrock

Call to Order

Vice Chair Kirkman called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. Roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Boyle, DiPaolo, Kawa, Pezzullo, Rhodes and White present.

Agenda Items

1. Good and Welfare for the Audience

None.

2. Board Subcommittee Reports

A Finance Subcommittee meeting was held today at 8:00 a.m. The subcommittee approved the FY17 Budget and it will be brought to the full board at the May board meeting.

3. Executive Director Report

Mike OConnell has been emailing out bi-weekly updates to the Commissioners in order to keep them up to date with day-to-day items. One of the items addressed was for the price increase that we will be in effect on July 1st, which included reduction of the early payment discount. Waste Management sent out a notice stating they were going to legally contest because they believe that their agreement with us prevented us from doing that. After discussions with them, they relented and will not be protesting.

We held a Haulers meeting here last week. Overall the meeting went well. Their biggest concern was our price increase and if they would have enough time to notify their customers. The haulers understand and appreciate the two month advanced notice given which allows time to provide their customers with the information. The Mattress program was also addressed. While mattresses are very difficult to handle, most of the components of a mattress are recyclables. A statute was passed in 2013 that created a mattress recycling council that requires manufacturers to pay for disposal. What actually happens is that when a mattress is purchased, the recycling council receives \$10 that goes into a fund which will pay for the disposal of the mattresses. A structure was set up where they have identified and awarded bids to those who are registered to take your mattress and have it disposed for free. The money that will pay for disposal comes from the \$10 fee paid by consumers when they purchased the mattress.

Citizens Bank is going to consolidate their operations here in Johnston. They will be doing some excavating and the soil from that excavation has higher limits of contamination that we can accept here as contaminated soils. Resource Recovery will work with DEM to see if we can use that soil in operations for our final capping rather than bury it. It would be a financial benefit for us to use and wouldn't require us to dispose of the soil by burying it.

Last year, Resource Recovery went into an agreement with the State to save on electricity, through a company called Direct Energy. We coordinated with the State and went through the process. We looked at the first couple of months' worth of savings and we estimated to be about \$11,000 per month or almost \$100k per year.

Rhode Island is the first state in the country to adopt standardized recycling bin labels that show you on a basic level what can and cannot go in the bin. The program is being rolled out in schools and government agencies. So far it has proven to increase recycling to a significant degree and reduced contamination.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve regular and executive session meeting minutes from 03/30/16 made by Commissioner by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Rhodes. Passed 7-0.

5. New Contracts

a. Financial Auditors

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into contractual agreement for auditing services RFP No. 724 between Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and Marcum, LLP of Providence, RI for an amount not to exceed \$203,800. The contract will commence on or about May 1, 2016 and continue until January 31, 2019. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Pezzullo. Passed 7-0.

b. Phase V Landfill Capping – Closure Turf

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into contractual agreement for the IFB No. 149 2016 ClosureTurf Phase V Capping Project with Manafort Brothers, Inc., located in Plainville, CT for an amount not to exceed \$4,357,000.00 for the base bid, and \$333,700.00 for the provisionary non-fixed bid item amounts. Additionally, RIRRC requests a contingency amount of \$325,000.00 7.5% of the base bid amount. The contingency amount shall only be used with prior written approval by the Executive Director. The total amount requested for approval is \$5,015,700.00. The full contract term will commence on May 1, 2016 and continue until December 31, 2016. Motion to approved made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Boyle Passed 7-0.

6. Contract Increases or Extensions

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Next Regular Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. with ^{Recycling.} Finance Subcommittee meeting starting at 8:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Rhodes Passed 7-0.

Adjourned at 9:32 A.M.